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| 1. Prime Minister YOSHIDA confided to his old friend UCHIDA Shinya (Nobuya) that he wants to turn the Premiership over to <u>OGATA Taketora</u> . | | | | |
| 3. OGATA is the prime mover in the Liberal-Progressive merger movement. He suggested the plan to YOSHIDA about a month ago and got his concurrence. OGATA broke the news of the merger prematurely to try to push it through before the scandal investigations hit the Liberal leaders. | | | | |
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